

Hunter Mill Highlights

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The Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting on Tuesday was one of our busiest. With several important issues on the agenda, there was a great deal of discussion. One of the good news items was the approval of the alignment and feasibility study for the Soapstone Connector. This will create a new crossing over the Dulles Toll Road, connecting Sunset Hills Road and Sunrise Valley Drive in addition to improving access to the Wiehle-Reston East transit station.

The Fairfax County Electoral Board reported back to us on the recommendations of the Bipartisan Election Process Improvement Commission. The recommendations looked at difficulties experienced at the polls in recent elections. I personally observed that the lines at some polls were unacceptably long. What I heard Brian W. Schoeneman, Electoral Board Secretary, offer was a commitment to correct this problem, which we all applaud. This is a wonderful first step; it is good to have this door opened. After all, we can do better.

The other big item on our agenda was a public hearing on a proposal to extend the operation of the Lorton landfill. We heard testimony from 84 members of the community on both sides of this issue. I came away with a greater appreciation of the complexity of this issue. We will return on June 17 to render a decision.

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5-13-2014 Board Action Highlights

For additional details from the May 13, 2014 Board of Supervisors meeting, please go to the County's <u>Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule</u> section on the County's webpage. You may listen to <u>highlights</u> <u>from the Board meeting</u> on your computer or listen directly on iTunes. You can subscribe to the podcast, or choose a program and listen in.

PRESENTATIONS

Members of the **Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force** were recognized by the Board for their 4 years of service on Phase 1 revision of the County's Comprehensive Plan that guides future development in Reston.

The Electoral Board presented their response to the **Bipartisan Election Process Improvement Commission** recommendations to address the difficulties residents had while voting in the last elections.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Admin 8: The Board authorized the Fairfax County Police Department to apply and accept U.S. Department of Justice grant of \$130,990. The grant will fund the purchase of devises used to locate and document microscopic fingerprints and trace evidence.

ACTION ITEMS

Action 1: The Board approved proposed **Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council Bylaws**, self-assessment report, and a memorandum of understanding between the Policy Council and the BOS.

Action 2: The Board endorsed the recommended alternative for the **Soapstone Connector**, a new crossing of the Dulles Toll Road. The Soapstone Connector is projected to improve traffic operations on Wiehle Avenue and enhance multi-modal access to the Wiehle-Reston East Metrorail Station.

Action 3: The Board authorized the sale of **Fairfax County Economic Development Authority revenue and refunding bonds** for the Public Safety Headquarters (new), Workhouse Arts Center (refunding), and the School Board Central Administration Building (refinancing).

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4:00 The Board held a public hearing on the proposed plan amendment permitting Furnace Associates to **extend operations** at the Lorton Landfill and allow a solar panel farm or other electrical generation, along with geothermal and electrical energy storage. The decision on this issue was deferred until the June 17th BOS meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reston Master Plan Phase 2 Open House: The Department of Planning and Zoning is joining my office to host an open house on the Phase 2 of the Reston Master Plan, on Saturday, June 7th. The meeting will be held at United Christian Parish Church, 11508 North Shore Drive (church entrance) in Reston. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. Phase 2 will look at village centers throughout Reston and explore transportation, parks, environmental and zoning issues. RSVP at huntermillrsvp@fairfaxcounty.gov or give the Hunter Mill District Office a call at 703-478-0283.

Phase 2 Reston Master Plan is the topic for this month's Channel 16 cable show, "Connecting with Supervisor Hudgins". This edition features County Planners Faheem Darab and Richard Lambert along with Phase 1 chairman Patty Nicoson. Check the website for broadcast times and the link for video on demand.

FIRST MONDAY: June 2nd at Patrick Henry Library in Vienna. This is your opportunity to meet one-on-one with Supervisor Hudgins to share any concerns you may have on any issue. First Mondays are held from 1 to 3 p.m.

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